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In re Application of  
**Alan SHLUZAS et al.**Application Number  
10/658,736Filed  
September 9, 2003

For METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR TREATING THE SPINE THROUGH AN ACCESS DEVICE

Art Unit  
3733Examiner  
Nicholas W. Woodall

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the last decision of the examiner.

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